Close co-ordination is maintained with all the agencies concerned in the prevention and detection of smuggling. Special drives are launched from time to time on the border to curb smuggling. Constant re-deployment of staff and equipment to areas vulnerable to smuggling is undertaken. Sophisticated equipment like: metal detectors, walkies, and night vision binaculars etc. are being increasingly used.

Speedy disposal of cases pertaining to economic offences

470. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government have urged the State Government to set up more courts for speedy disposal of cases pertaining to economic offences;

(b) if so, the number of cases of economic offences pending in each court (state-wise) as on 30th June, 1990;

(c) whether the Central Government have provided any help to the State Governments to set up such courts in their respective States; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof and further steps contemplated by government to dispose of the cases relating to economic offences?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI DINESH GOSWAMI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Hosue.

(c) and (d) Government of India had earlier been reimbursing the recurring and essential non-recurring expenditure incurred by the State Governments in the establishment and functioning of these Courts. However, effective from 1989-90, the State Govts. have been advised to add the expenditure on Special Courts to their non-plan expenditure forecast to be presented to the Finance Commission.

Warning by World Bank Regarding Indian Economy

471. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the World Bank has warned the Government of India of a high double digit inflation in the long run if they do not mend their fiscal and balance of payments deficits;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard and what remedial measures have been suggested by the Bank; and

(c) what action Government have taken in the light thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANIL SHASTRI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

Changes in Import Policy

472. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether government propose to make major changes in the import policy;

(b) if so, what are the major change that are likely to be incorporated in the policy; and

(c) to what extent suggestions made by the various Chamber of Commerce are likely to be met by these changes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI ARANGIL SREEDHARAN): (a) to (c) Review of Import-Export Policy is a continuous process and necessary corrective measures are taken, as and when the situation so warrants, after taking into consideration all the relevant factors and keeping in view, the needs of the economy. While doing so,

suggestions received from various quarters including Chambers of Commerce are taken into consideration.

Trade between India and Nepal

473. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indo-Nepal trade ties have since been normalised;

(b if so, whether all the trade and transit disputes between India and Nepal have been finally resolved;

(c) whether it is also a fact that India has also resumed supply of essential items like petrol to Nepal; and

(d) if so, to what extent the trade ties between the two countries have been normalised?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI ARANGIL SREEDHARAN): (a) to (d) Trade and Transit relations between India and Nepal have been restored to *status quo ante* as on April, 1987. There is no trade and transit dispute between the two countries. India has resumed supply of essential items including petrol to Nepal as before. The trade relations between the two countries are very good.

Policy changes pertaining to 100 per cent Export Oriented Units

474. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of policy changes are being considered for the 100 percent export oriented units;

(b) whether one of the main changes is the introduction of permanent concession; and

(c) if so, what are the other changes that are likely to be effected?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI ARANGIL SREEDHARAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The detials of the policy changes are still being worked out.

Development of tourist spots to attract foreign tourists

475. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to develop some other tourist spots in the country to attract foreign tourists due to the disturbed conditions in Kashmir;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) if not, what other steps Government propose to take to attract foreign tourists?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI SATYA PAL MALIK): (a) to (c) Development of Tourism is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments, which is a continuous process. In order to strengthen tourism infrastruncture, the Government has taken up schemes for providing financial support to State Governments for creating tourism facilities at selected tourist centres in the country

Construction of new hotels for low budget tourists by ITDC

476. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether ITDC proposes to construct new hotels for low budget tourists in the country; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?